

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER

P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 4, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Walter Soboleff handed me a tax assessment return to be filed on the Waggoner house, now being rented to Mr. William S. Paul, Sr. The notice states taxes are due for the past two years.

I asked Mr. Herbert L. Faulkner, attorney, elder in my Church, what to do with it, and he told me to ignore it. He states the property is not taxable as long as the rent money is used by the Board of National Missions. He said, "If the tax is further attempted to be collected, then a test case should be made of it." I will follow this procedure.

Meanwhile, will you please inform me of what becomes of the rent money being paid by Mr. Paul. How much does he pay? Does Mr. Paul pay it directly to the Board of National Missions? Who is looking after the renting of the house?

These questions will help me to be intelligent with Mr. Faulkner should the question be pressed further.

Cordially yours,

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Board of National Missions  
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New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I am not surprised the Board has had to cut the budget for this year, on the other hand, I am surprised it is not cut more. I have your letter asking this Church to give to National Missions \$150. for this Church year. My Church has not yet agreed to it, yet, I am confident I will be able to raise that amount. It will take educating, leadership, and an effort in opposition to present existing attitudes; namely, "the Church is now on its own and thus relieving the Board of giving financial aid, and that should be enough." I will personally accept that quota for this Church and aim toward it.

Last Sunday afternoon, I was able to send fourteen Northern Light young people to the summer conference, which this year is being held June 2-7 at Wrangell Institute, at \$8.00 per person. This was made possible because of the gratis use of Wrangell Institute facilities and the Institute feeding the conference as their guests for the week. Mr. George Betts is giving the use of his boat, St. Nicholas, for the actual expenses. Mr. Harry Champlin is dean of the conference.

Another item of interest is that on May 24, I received seven new members into the Church. Two more are coming by profession of faith next Sunday. This is particularly interesting in that four of these couples of new member are in the Office of Indian Affairs, making a total of six family heads connected with Indian Affairs in our Church, whereas there was one when I came to Juneau.

I am enclosing a snapshot of the Presbytery which met at Wrangell.

Today I received your letter, with enclosure, concerning Uncle Billy Barrows and the Chapel by the Lake. I am not surprised at its message. I will be glad to do all I can to help in the situation. I knew Leslie Yaw had indirectly approached Uncle Billy on the possibility of his becoming night watchman at Sheldon Jackson School.



The Chapel must be maintained. There is a great problem involved in the change. I had hoped to buy a car when coming to Juneau, but haven't seen my way clear because of the mounting living costs. It has increased tremendously. A new car, Plymouth Sedan, was quoted to me last week by the local dealer, a member of my Church, at \$1150. which includes freight to Juneau at 50% of the freight cost. The mayor of Juneau will give me a priority rating for purchasing a car. The requirements would be a down payment of \$400. and the balance in 18 months. The above figure does not include the carrying charges. I do not see my way clear to handle this proposition.

June 1 the taxi rates in Juneau were doubled, and the bus rates were increased almost to the same proportion. I am informed the round trip ticket to the Chapel is now \$2.00. Monthly tickets are cancelled. Two runs daily are eliminated, which leaves only four runs per day, with the possibility of further elimination. There is an out bound bus about 5 P. M. with the return run leaving Auk Lake about 11 P. M. All this adds up to the bus being highly unsatisfactory as a means of transportation for either services or visitation. The distance between houses is entirely too great for walking without spending most of the time between families on the road. To use a taxi would be prohibitive, and there are no rental "drive-it-yourself" cars in Juneau within the range of our ability to pay.

Uncle Billy was in to see me and we discussed his plans and his car. Should he leave Juneau, he will probably want to sell his car. Yet, it is a first class wreck due to being worn out. I believe you will appreciate this if you notice his repair bills of recent months. These repairs have been the most essential. Uncle Billy said to me he could not afford to drive his car at his own expense because of the repairs. It just isn't worth the money invested. He is now faced with a tire problem. Of course I couldn't afford a car like that.

If you have any further suggestion as to transportation, I will be glad to shoulder the responsibility of the Chapel. The thought occurs to me, would the rent from the old Waggoner house, owned by the Board of National Missions, support the Chapel?

One man should be in charge of the Chapel work and not two. While Walter is much liked among the white people in his radio work, I do not believe the people of Auk Lake region would follow his leadership.

Cordially yours,

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June 18, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

I was not at all surprised that the question had been raised relative to the taxes on the old Waggoner house since it was being rented to William Paul Senior. However, I think we have a strong case and feel that we are not obligated to pay the tax. Here is the story.

Mr. Swogger as Stated Clerk had been collecting the rent of \$40. per month until Mr. Paul Prouty came on the scene. Since that time Paul Prouty has collected the rent. In each case these men have acted as the agent for the Board of National Missions. All monies received from the rent have been credited to our Alaskan Building and Equipment Fund which as you know is purely a mission project. Mr. Prouty is still taking care of the collection of this rent money.

Thank you for sending me a picture of the Presbytery. It is very good.

In regard to the car - I would like to make this suggestion. In case you are willing to take over the work at Auk Lake I shall be glad to send you a check for \$400. as a down payment. In lieu of this down payment, of course, for the next year beginning October 1st the Board would not grant you any additional money to cover travel expenses.

Uncle Billy's car is not anything more than a wreck. So far as the Board is concerned, if Uncle Billy is willing, you could use his car as a trade-in and receive credit for that amount. Of course, you would have to satisfy Uncle Billy and his interest. If you can see your way clear to buy a new car within the \$400. offered, please let me know at once so that I can send you the check.

Cordially yours,



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JUNEAU, ALASKA  
July 3, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I very greatly appreciate the spirit manifest in your letter of June 18th. I have delayed a reply in order that I might see clearly what I could do.

My Session has expressed its agreeableness to any plan I may work out in connection with the Chapel. This clears the way for further arrangements, if they can be made.

I have gone over very carefully my financial set up, keeping in mind your offer of \$400. as a down payment on a car. Since coming to Juneau, common living expenses have increased forty-five per cent. This increase in expenses does not leave me a margin sufficient to obligate myself to a payment of \$50. per month for the coming eighteen months. This is the amount of the required monthly payment, after the financing cost has been added.

Investigating the field of possible cars, the war conditions for the coming months make it imperative that, if one purchases a car, it shall have as good rubber as possible on it, as well as its general condition must be good. I have found the following three possibilities.

1. A new Plymouth car which would cost \$1155. delivered in Juneau. The Mayor of Juneau has promised me the necessary requisition papers, if desired. This car would have to be shipped from Seattle.

2. There is available in Juneau a 1940 Pontiac with about 20,000 miles, and a set of new tires purchased in the spring of 1941. This car is in fair condition, but is not so desirable, only because the Chrysler products have agents in Juneau, and therefore have on hand a fair stock of parts. However, this car can be had for \$800.



3. The other possibility is in a 1937 Dodge with 47,000 miles on it, and the tires about fifty per cent worn out. Quite a bit of work would have to be done on it, yet, it could be made useable. Two new tires would have to be purchased in less than a year, in all probability. It is in much better condition than Uncle Billy's car. It can be had for \$490., which is the Blue Book value.

The total annual tax in Juneau, at present, is \$20.

I hardly know what to say to you. I am willing and glad to undertake the Chapel situation. It remains true, the bus is out of the question. If we suspend services at the Chapel, both the Lutherans and the Seventh Day Adventist are watching their chance to go in. The Lutheran minister, who has a car, has already asked me if we are planning to continue services there. In some way, we must continue, yet, I am not in a position to buy a car at this time. Nor do I feel I can obligate myself to a monthly payment of this nature for the coming year or eighteen months.

However, if you can find some way of giving me a car, I will be glad in return to take care of the Chapel as long as I am pastor in Juneau, and without any further travel or car upkeep expense to the Board. It seems to me the rent from the Waggoner house might be used to this end.

If you have any other suggestion to make, I will be glad to work on it with you. Or should you, by some hook, crook, of means, find it possible to provide a ~~new~~ car, I should know it immediately so as to get the order through without further delay.

It is my prayer God will guide you and me as we work on this problem.

Cordially yours,

*Willis*

Willis R. Booth.



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

July 10, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I am enclosing two papers which I think you will find of interest.

The first one is a description of the young people's summer conference held at Wrangell this summer, and written by one of my girls, Doris Mittenen. I am sending it just as she wrote it, and you may do with it as you please.

The other paper is accompanied with some pictures of the Baleen baskets, also known as whalebone baskets. This paper was prepared by Mr. Virgil R. Farrell, of the Educational Division of the Office of Indian Affairs. Mr. Farrell is a Trustee in my Church. You also have Mr. Farrell's permission to use either the paper or the picture as you see fit.

I have been interested in the news of the removal of Trinity University to San Antonio, Texas. My interest was increased a few days ago when a resident of Waxahachi was here and told me Trinity University has offered you the Presidency. That would be a grand thing for the University, but in my opinion, tragic for the Board of National Missions. I will be interested in what you do.

Cordially yours,

*Willis*



July 14, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Booth:

Your letter of recent date has arrived during Dr. King's absence on vacation from which he will return about the tenth of August. We shall see that this is brought to his attention immediately upon his return.

Cordially yours,

McE Secretary to Dr. King



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

July 17, 1942

Mrs. H. R. McEwen  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. McEwen:

I am glad to write a few words about the defense and military situation in the vicinity of Juneau. However, you must realize I cannot make any reference to the strength or type of military force located here, lest that information fall into harmful hands enroute to you.

Everything possible is being done for the comfort of the boys in the Service. This week, there is being conducted a financial drive for the U. S. O. to be established in Juneau. A building has been selected and will very soon be conditioned.

Meanwhile, the American Legion Hall is being used as a place of amusement. All the churches and fraternal organizations are co-operating by each organization having the supervision for one week. During the week, a hostess, cookies and coffee are provided. The men are making good use of the opportunity in their patronage. Of course the homes of the community are open to them and they are invited to meals.

There is no chaplain here thus far. The men are privileged to attend the Churches. Though the percentage of those who attend is small at present, it seems to be growing.

As contact representative for the Board of National Missions, the Governor of Alaska has promised me the fullest co-operation of the Alaska War Council in respect to any possible emergency necessity concerning our missionaries. Such information coming to me from the Council can and will be readily and quickly transmitted to the missionaries.

The war situation is having its effect upon the Church. Juneau has had many people leave. The loss in this Church is noticable. Yet, in spite of that fact, the attendance is growing and has astounded the eldership. Since coming to Juneau, November 15, 1941, thirty-eight new members have been added to the roll. Twenty-two of whom were upon pro-



fession of faith. Last Sunday, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a very large congregation. This was the first summer Communion Service held in this Church in several years. Twenty-five soldiers were present.

The Sunday School has suffered most. It is shot to pieces during the summer months. But that always happens as so many families move to the Auke Bay region for the summer. However, many of the children have been taken to the States this summer.

I hope this picture of conditions at Juneau will be of some help to you.

Cordially yours,

*Willis R. Booth*

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 8, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I am enclosing two snap shot pictures taken of our young people's summer conference at Wrangell, Alaska. Thought you would be interested in having them. Fourteen of these youngsters are from my Church.

You will also be interested in the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Walter A. Soboleff, on July 17, named Janet Carolyn Soboleff.

Walter is still away from his Church. He has spent his vacation fishing, and over the week ends he is visiting the native fishing grounds holding services where convenient. He is expected home the latter part of this month. Meanwhile, Uncle Billy Barrows has been holding an evening service each Sunday at Memorial Church.

I trust you have had a fine vacation. I do not plan to be away from my pulpit this summer. During the week days, I am getting in some good rest and fishing. Wish you could have vacationed here and enjoyed the fishing with me.

I have just learned N. Harry Champlin goes to Fairbanks September 1. I will be interested in knowing who you will send to Wrangell.

The used car, Pontiac, to which I referred in my last letter that could be had for \$850. has just been sold. Yet I believe there can be found another for about that price if desired.

Cordially yours,

*Willis*



August 17, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Thanks for sending me the interesting articles; one about Baleen baskets and the other about the Young Peoples Conference. I read both of these articles with a great deal of interest.

In regard to the car - I am willing to advance my offer made to you June 18th of \$400. to \$850. If it is possible for you to purchase a good car for this amount let me know and I shall be glad to send you a check for the same. The car would have to be purchased and registered in your name and not in the name of the Board of National Missions. In turn, of course, we would expect you to take care of the Auk Lake field without any travel expenses from the Board for at least twelve months. If you can arrange to buy a car for this amount please do so immediately because this offer will not hold after October 1st. That is when our new year begins.

Cordially yours,

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# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

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P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 18, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

It has been a few years since we have had a resident worker at Kasaan, Alaska. As I understand it, our manse there has stood vacant.

Recently, the Department of Indian Affairs of the Government has sought to rent the manse for the coming year. The manse stands immediately next to the Government School. The living quarters in the Government School are not adequate for their needs.

This week, Mr. Claude M. Hirst, Superintendent, asked me to inquire if the Board of National Missions will consider selling to the Department of Indian Affairs the building that they may use it for their teachers. As it now is, the building is idle and wasting away, being a benefit to none of us.

I do not know what prospects we have of putting a worker there, but if the Board of National Missions is willing to sell the manse property, I will appreciate that information. Also, if you have the information to use as a basis, will you please tell me the price you will consider, and send me your authorization. Then the Committee can act without further delay.

Information has come to me that N. Harry Champlin will move to Fairbanks September 1. Will Rev. Mr. Armstrong continue to be the Emergency Contact representative for Yukon Presbytery, if so, please send me his new address.

I trust you have had a profitable vacation, and that the work of the Board is taking shape for the new year advantageously.

Cordially yours,

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Willis R. Booth.

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# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 22, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Last Wednesday evening, Mrs. Booth and I attended the business meeting of the Sunday School workers of the Chapel-by-the-Lake, which was the last meeting under the direction of Mr. Willard E. Barrows. I deemed it a rather successful one. Officers were elected for the coming year, and now they have a full staff which has agreed to carry on. I was introduced to them, and we are off to a good start.

After the meeting, which was held in Mr. Barrows cabin, we went to the Chapel. The Chapel Ladies had arranged an open house reception farewell for Uncle Billy. Really, it was a touching scene. About forty guests were present, and they certainly did hate to see him go. During the refreshment period, they presented Uncle Billy a nice present.

Uncle Billy finally left Juneau for his new duties at Sheldon Jackson on Saturday, August 22.

I have your letter of August 17 and have noted your offer of \$850. with which to purchase a car. Since I wrote you last about this matter, the new cars have been frozen so it seems that is out. The Pontiac to which I referred has been sold. However, I have two 1940 models under consideration, either of which would be a good buy, and very acceptable. I will go ahead with the negotiations with the thought in mind that your cheque will be received immediately. If by the time your cheque arrives, I have been able to save you any money on the cost, I will refund to you the difference. However, it appears a car in good condition will cost about that price. I am negotiating on the basis of a cash transaction.

I agree with you to take care of the Chapel-by-the-lake without travel expenses or further travel cost to the Board, as set forth in your letter of August 17.

Looking forward to receiving your cheque for \$850. that the car negotiations may be closed, I am

Cordially yours,

Willis



August 27, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

After sending you the wire yesterday about my car I have decided that it would not be in keeping with my own thoughts to trade with myself so I am calling it off. I hope that you will be able to pick up a good car there in Juneau for \$850. If so, send me the word and we will give you the check immediately.

In your letter of August 18th you raised a question about the church in Kasan. Our books show that we are holding the church for \$1200. value and the manse for \$1000. If the Department of Indian Affairs is interested in purchasing these two buildings, I am sure that I can safely say that the Board will sell them for \$2200. The manse alone they would hold for \$1000.

I cannot send you authorization because that has to be done through the Committee and the Board and by Board action. The best that can be done is for you to submit these figures and if the Department will not pay that amount have them submit an offer and then I can take that offer to the Board.

I think Armstrong will remain the emergency contact person for Yukon Presbytery. His new address will be Anchorage.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 30, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I greatly appreciate the generosity of your offer to give me your 1941 Oldsmobile if I will pay the shipping from Seattle to Juneau, as contained in your telegram of August 26th.

On August 27, I replied by telegram as follows:

"Accept offer ship Oldsmobile Northland Transportation collect Juneau."

I have made arrangement with Mr. Henry Green, Manager of the Juneau office of Northland Transportation for the freight to be collected in Juneau.

Meanwhile, will you please tell me if this car is a sedan 2 or 4 door, or a coupe. Its weight will determine the shipping cost. This information can be had if you forward to me the transferred car title.

Also, I will greatly appreciate your telling me the approximate date the car will be delivered in Seattle for shipment. I hope it can be as soon as possible as I am anxious to do some work at the Chapel area while the organization is fresh and the workers are enthusiastic.

Under this new arrangement, should I send a monthly report on the Chapel directly to you, or to Mr. Bromley? Please send me a supply of monthly report blanks.

Wish you could have vacationed with us in Juneau this year. Isabel has just finished canning 56 pints of salmon.

Greatly appreciating your fine spirit of cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth



August 31, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Enclosed is a check for \$850. payable to you for the purchase of the car that is going to be necessary in your travels to Auk Lake. When you purchase the car you can give me an accounting of it.

I was greatly interested in what you said about the farewell party for Uncle Billy. I am glad of this good report. Uncle Billy is certainly a devoted, Christian gentleman and he merits the attention that has been shown to him.

Cordially yours,

EBK:MCE



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 4, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everettt

On September 1, I received your air mail letter of August 27th. I immediately sent you a telegram as follows:

"Letter twenty-seventh received contracted Dodge car eighty-five subject your approval send cheque."

I was both able and lucky to send you such a message. I had already spotted and investigated this car. It is a 1940 Dodge in most excellent condition and with tires that have only 8000 miles on them. I was lucky in speaking to the owner that day in that two taxi companies are buying several old cars in Juneau. One company is from Sitka. They were trying to get this car and were willing to pay much more for it, but as the price had already been quoted to me, the owner would not go back on his word.

I have contracted to buy the car on the faith that the cheque will be forth coming from you immediately. Incidentally, The owners garage rent was due on September 1. He gave notice that he was selling the car, and immediately the next day, the garage was rented. As a result, the car is now sitting in my garage, though it will not be mine until the cash transaction is made.

Tomorrow night I will have another wedding at the Chapel-by-the-lake.

Harry Champlin and family are with us now awaiting transportation to Fairbanks. He hopes to get out in a few days.

Greatly appreciating your help in the matter of the car, and hoping to receive your cheque in the next few days, I am

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Booth

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September 8, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Booth:

Your letter of August 30th has reached the office during Dr. King's absence on a western field trip from which he will return about the 23rd of this month.

By this time, you should have received Dr. King's last letter enclosing the check for \$850. for the new car and suggesting that you purchase the car in Juneau. He finally decided it would be better to handle it in this fashion rather than ship his car to Juneau.

I am enclosing some monthly report blanks to cover the work at Auk Lake. Mr. Barrows' reports were forwarded to Mr. Bromley for signature so I would think the same procedure should be followed in your report on this work.

Cordially yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

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# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 15, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I have the cheque for \$850. from the Board of National Missions which you sent and express to you my keen appreciation for this act and your cooperation.

With this amount, I have purchased a 1940 Dodge Sedan car in excellent condition, and with good tires. In accordance with your letter of August 17, I have purchased and registered the car in my name.

I understand and agree that in return I am "to take care of the Auke Lake field without any travel expenses from the Board for at least twelve months," and I expect to continue to do so while residing in Juneau.

As I have related before, a staff of workers has been organized at the Chapel, and plans are being made for a monthly workers conference. In agreement with the Chapel people, I will hold a preaching service there on the first Sunday evening of each month. If this service proves effective, then we will hold services twice a month.

A Communion service is announced for the first Sunday evening in October.

Thank you for sending the report blanks.

Harry Champlin sailed from Juneau westward yesterday, after having to wait here for two weeks. We enjoyed having him in our home.

Greatly appreciating your cooperation and praying that God will greatly prosper the Auke Lake field, I am

Cordially yours,

Willis



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 6, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Thank you for your letter of September 22. I have talked with both Mr. Hirst and Mr. Farrell about St. Lawrence Island. As I pass through the doors of the Federal Building with Mr. Hirst, he introduced me to Mr. Williams, who is today passing through Juneau on his way to Savoonga to be the teacher for Indian Affairs. Mr. Williams appears to be about forty-five, and is a Presbyterian.

The Indian Affairs is making every effort to send teachers to the Island, and as soon as arrangements can be made, they plan to send a nurse there also.

Both Mr. Hirst and Mr. Farrell expressed the hope Miss Bannan will return immediately. Under the present set-up, the nervousness in that region has well subsided.

While Mrs. Daugherty is at White Mountain at present, Mr. Daugherty is still on the Island, and his decision to remain there has been asked for, and the office is expecting it any day. Mr. Hirst feels that no one will be better able to cope with the Seventh Day Adventist than Miss Bannan.

Last Sunday evening, Mr. George B. Schmidt assisted me in the communion service at the Chapel. There were seventeen present, which was greatly encouraging in that the day was terrifically stormy, and the wind howled and the rains poured.

At Northern Light Church, in spite of the storm, we had eighty-five present.

I have just finished the job of enclosing the front porch, and the manse has been painted.

I have received the report blanks your secretary sent me for reporting the Chapel. The blanks sent were those for a Sunday School Missionary. Should they not have been those for a mission Church? It seems to me the latter would be more suitable. If you think so too, please have them sent to me.

Cordially yours,

Willis

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER

P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 7, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

*attach*  
I have your air mail letter of September 25, enclosing cheque for \$60.00 and instructing me to make a trip to Klukwan for the purpose of disposing of the church property there. I am glad to render this service to you, and will plan to go to Klukwan in the early future.

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However, there are one or two questions. What is the present valuation of manse and church as shown on the books of the Board? I should have this information as a guide.

At the spring meeting of Presbytery, there was a discussion on the Klukwan situation. Mr. Bromley did not at all agree with Mr. Knudsen in his opinions. He wants to keep the church open there if possible. I cannot help but feel he will bitterly oppose this step.

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several board  
proposals*  
As a question of policy, in regard to the possible sale of the manse at Kasaan, I quote your letter of August 27th in which you said, "I cannot send you authorization because that has to be done through the Committee and the Board and by Board action." Would not the property at Klukwan be in the same position, -- that is, would not the Committee from Presbytery have to be in accord with the disposition and make such a recommendation to the Board through you? I raise this question only in the interest of peace and harmony among the Presbytery members in their relation to the Board.

There is a point on which I am not just clear, -- in the case of mission points, the property is owned by the Board of National Missions, has not the Board the right to dispose of such property in any way it desires without first asking permission of Presbytery or the National Missions Committee of Presbytery? I am sure the relation of the Presbytery's Committee to the Board is one of cooperation rather than telling the Board what to do within the bounds of Presbytery. As I understand it, this is the intent of the rules laid down by the General Assembly.



I agree with Mr. Knudsen in regard to Klukwan. The Church should be dissolved and the property disposed of. The minutes of the General Assembly shows this Church as an organized Church. If such be the case, would not the organization first have to be dissolved, and then the property disposed of, or is it a simple matter of discontinuing the Church? If dissolution, then would this not have to be done by Presbytery?

I desire to protect you, the Board, and the Presbytery by doing all I can to maintain a harmonious feeling. I am ready to act for you, and will do so immediately upon receipt of your reply.

Cordially yours,

*Willeis*

October 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

I notice in your letter of October 6th that you state that both Mr. Hirst and Mr. Farrell expressed the hope that Miss Bannan will return immediately. From your statement I am wondering whether or not the way is now clear for Miss Bannan to return. In other words, I cannot quite understand from your statement whether or not these gentlemen are waiting on Miss Bannan's health or whether or not they are waiting on the way to clear there on the Island. Please let me have definite word. If the way is open for Miss Bannan to return, I think we can arrange for that to be done immediately.

The report blanks that you have received are those for Sunday School Missionary Work and we feel that these report blanks are the ones that you should make out. The Auk Lake project has been under our Unit of Sunday School Mission.

The book value of our church and manse at Klukwan is \$2,000. and \$100. for the land. Of course, these are only book prices. I am quite sure that from all I can hear of the condition of the property the actual sale would be quite under that amount.

You raise a question in your letter of October 7th about the policy in regard to this property. You quote a sentence from my letter of August 27th which is "I cannot send you authorization because that has to be done through the Committee and the Board and by Board action". When I spoke of the Committee I spoke of the Committee on Church Properties of the Board of National Missions.



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 29, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Thank you for your letter of October 19th. *attached*

I am sorry that I did not make myself clear in my letter regarding the return of Miss Bannan to St. Lawrence Island. The Office of Indian Affairs is returning their teachers to St. Lawrence Island.

Governor Gruening has just returned from a fifteen day trip to that vicinity, and while I was not able to contact him because of his leaving for the States, his private secretary tells me there is no reason because of the war why Miss Bannan should not return immediately. Should she pass through Juneau, I will be very happy to meet her if possible. As the way is now clear for her return, I will be happy to know of her going.

Thank you for your word on the Klukwan property. I will go to Klukwan the first opportunity to handle the matter. The difficulty lies in the fact that there are no regular boats to Haines. There is now no military necessity for boats stopping there. I am trying to learn of a small boat going to Haines. To charter a plane would be quite expensive. All I can say now is that I will go on the first available transportation.

Cordially yours,

*Willis R. Booth*

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 16, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

This will constitute my final report on the possibility of selling the Kasaan manse to the Office of Indian Affairs.

Mr. David Morgan, teacher for Indian Affairs at Kasaan reported to Mr. Claude M. Hirst that the building is in very bad condition, and is not worth more than \$350. Roof leaks, some of the siding is off, window lights broken out, and generally is wasting away. It would cost more than \$1000. to put the building in livable condition.

The Department of Interior will not permit the Office of Indian Affairs to spend more than \$500. on any one building in making repairs for the duration of the war.

Therefore Mr. Hirst reports to me that they will not be able to purchase the manse, certainly until after the war.

You will be interested in knowing that Mr. Hirst left Juneau last week to be gone three months. He told me he will have to spend about thirty days in their office at Chicago beginning about December 1, or as soon after as he can arrive. He then will have to go to Washington. Perhaps your paths will cross either in Chicago or in Washington.

Yesterday marked my first anniversary in Juneau. During the twelve months period, I am happy to have received 41 new members into this Church, 24 of whom were by profession of faith. I pray that a like number may be received during the second year.

Cordially yours,

*Willis.*



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

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P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 16, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

A few days ago I received from the Central Distributing Department in New York a copy of the book ALASKA UNDER ARMS, by Jean Porter.

I do not know to whom I am indebted for this bit of thoughtfulness, but I certainly do thank whoever it may be. The one person whom I thought would be so thoughtful is you. So please accept my thanks for it.

Cordially yours,

*Willis*

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. Box 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 27, 1942

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Mr. Virgil Farrell, of the Office of Indian Affairs informed me that he has just received a telegram from his workers on St. Lawrence Island that the freight ship has discharged the food supply for the year, but no fuel supply has been able to get in.

The Office of Indian Affairs in endeavouring to draw on the reserve supply of the department of C. A. A., but has not yet received that permission.

He stated that if this is not possible, then they will be forced to close the Indian Affairs school and bring out their teachers, solely because of no fuel for heating and cooking purposes.

I do not know the situation of our mission there, but if there is not a reserve sufficient for the winter at the mission, the fact would probably better be taken into consideration in respect to Miss Bannan's return to the Island.

I have been watching for her, not knowing if she would be returning westward via Juneau. To date I have not heard of her passing through here.

I considered this information as sufficiently important that you should know it.

Cordially yours,

Willis



AIR MAIL

December 11, 1942

Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth,  
P. O. Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Of course I was very sorry to get the information in your letter of November 27 relative to the fuel supply for St. Lawrence Island. However, I was not surprised. With the information that you have given me, I shall be able to act more wisely in the future.

So far as the Kasaan Manse is concerned I suppose that it is useless for us to try to dispose of it until after the war. Too bad, because I think it is a liability rather than an asset.

I hope that I can see Mr. Hirst while he is in the states.

Could you justify a claim in receiving about \$50.00 a month from the War Time Service Commission? I know that there must be quite a number of soldiers in Juneau and that you must have additional expenses in your church and in your home in taking care of the needs of these men. If you will write to me more definitely about your program and your plans for meeting the needs of these soldiers, and if you think it is justified, I shall be more than glad to try to get \$50.00 per month extra from the War Time Service Commission to help you with these extra expenses.

Congratulations on your first anniversary in Juneau. You have done a splendid piece of work there and I feel that it was the Lord's hand that took you from Sitka to Juneau.

Give my regards to the family.

Cordially yours,

EDK/mk

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 8, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

I have purposely delayed the answering of your letter of December 11 in order that I might be sure I make no mistake in the answer I give regarding the possible claim upon the funds of the War Time Service Commission.

After careful consideration by my elders, workers, and myself, I do not feel I can justify a claim on the funds for support of the program with the armed forces in Juneau.

The situation is as follows: As a community, Juneau has gotten fully behind the U. S. O. organization, and the women of my Church are fully involved in that activity, as are the young people. This program adequately takes care of the social life of the armed forces.

The Salvation Army Red Shield Reading Room also provides a reading and writing room for the boys, and the women are gathered there weekly to do volunteer sewing for the boys in mending their garments. Many of my women are there.

While Juneau has her share of the armed force, the Post is located some distance out, and only a small percent of the boys are permitted to visit in Juneau on a single day. The Chaplain holds regular services at the Post. His turn out is pathetic. I can see no other explanation for it than the fact that he is a Southern Baptist with all the narrowness of their past reputation. For example, he refuses to hold a communion service for the boys, because he believes only in close communion, and therefore will not commune with them. That was the reason he invited me to hold the service for him on December 20, at which only five boys attended. These boys told me it was their first communion service since they entered the service. At their insistence, the Chaplain is now arranging for some Juneau minister to hold a service once a month.

There are some soldiers now located in the city, but I am informed they will soon be transferred. These men are worked so hard on Sunday, they do not have much of an opportunity to attend a service.



During the last few days I have had the privilege of discussing the situation with the ranking Chaplain for Alaska, who was here on an inspection tour. It was his advice that we not inaugurate any further program for the present, but wait until some later date when adjustments have been more fully made.

The only justifiable program we can organize as a Church is a spiritual one. Our hands are tied in this peculiar situation for the present. We give every encouragement possible for the boys to attend the services, but they have their restrictions, and consequently, their number is very small for all the Churches in town.

I grieve muchly over the situation, but about all I can do is to carry on as at present, and await the day when the situation will permit expansion. I very greatly appreciate your suggestion for help.

Please accept my thanks for the book of daily prayers by John Baillie. I already have found it a great source of inspiration. Every member of the family is enjoying it.

I am interested in knowing if you have sent a man to the Church at Wrangell. I have heard nothing of it since Harry Champlin was here on his way to Fairbanks.

Negotiations are under way for the sale of the Klukwan property. I hope I will have an offer to propose to you in the near future.

Grapevine telegraph tells me of your plan to visit Alaska again this spring. I hope that will be true and I look forward to seeing you. Walter told me he had received such information through Mr. Bromley.

Cordially yours,

Wiles

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 15, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

At last your news letter has arrived. Thank you for it.

I am delighted over the prospect of a visit from you to Alaska, and hasten to invite you to make our home your headquarters and place of living while you are in Juneau. We have two extra bed-rooms in the manse and one of them is yours.

Walter told me today he and Swogger plan to have the meeting of Presbytery the first week of April. Of course, you know, the meeting this spring is supposed to be at Memorial Church, Juneau.

Looking forward to your visit, and having you in our home, I am

Cordially yours,

*Willis*



March 4 1943

Dear Mr. Woxacott:-

I am renting the former house of the Memorial Pres. Ch. of Juneau and usually pay up twice a year - fall and spring when money comes in. Now I hear the Board wishes to sell & while I am given the first chance, I can do nothing till next fall because (1) I have a family of seven, (2) I am educating my daughter at University of Rochester (voice) and have to dig up an average of \$150<sup>00</sup> per month (3) I am supporting my mother in law paralyzed now almost two years in bed and this expense seems to fluctuate with my income. She (Mrs. Lacey) is a minister's widow and

while grateful for the pension, it really is only a drop in the bucket (\$2500 per mo.) & My services (free) are in constant use by the natives along missionary lines and so I find my time diverted from business (the last time I saw you I had been away from home seven months without pay) as now when I am kept in town because the Alaska Legislature has sought in 3 measures to exclude natives from beneficial laws e.g. relief of destitute widows and orphans & delinquent children & laws prohibiting discrimination based on color or race.

My family requires a minimum of four bedrooms. If I have to move



it will almost  
impossible to move  
Mrs. Lackey. Her  
condition is pitiable  
since she has no control  
of her bowels. I cannot  
say more unless to  
repeat what my own  
mother has just said  
"No such question would  
have come up if Mr-  
McAfee were alive"  
Nor do I have any dis-  
position to sell myself  
to Mr King who seems  
to be the last word.

Yours cordially  
William L Paul  
Box 81  
Juncos  
Casta

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 4, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Thank you for your letter of February 24 relative to the possible sale of the former Waggoner Home in Juneau, owned by the Board of National Missions. I immediately took up the matter with Mr. Allen Shattuck of the Shattuck Agency.

Feeling that Mr. and Mrs. William Paul who now are renting the house should be given an opportunity to buy the place, and Mr. Shattuck shared with me in the feeling, I asked the Pauls about it. Immediately, they began to berate the house. They are now paying \$40.00 per month rent and are supposed to take care of any of the repairs on the place. But so far as I can learn they have done no repairs except to mend a broken water pipe from time to time.

Mr. Paul immediately reminded me that the Office of Price Administration would not permit his evacuation in case the house is sold to another party, and I am afraid he is correct. He also stated he would like to buy the house but not before next fall.

It seems the prospective buyer through the Shattuck Agency wants to buy the house as an investment, but is not willing to consider it if there will be trouble in taking possession of it, nor would they be willing to consider buying it with the rent forced to be continued under O. P. A. regulations at \$40.00 per month.

Today, Mr. Paul sent me the enclosed letter, which I hope, as you read it, you will remember he is a shrewd Indian who was disbarred from the practice of law by the Alaska Bar Association. His letter contains some facts, though not all his statements are true.

Meanwhile, I will continue to work with Mr. Shattuck toward the end of making a sale to be submitted to you for approval.

Cordially yours,

Willis



March 16, 1943

Rev. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Thank you for the good report about the Chapel by the Lake. I am glad that you have been able to secure the old church bell from Sitka. Certainly the Chapel by the Lake will be a picturesque place for this old bell to be placed.

In regard to the Manse in Juneau, I suspect that we will difficulty with Mr. Paul if any deal is consumed for sale. I wish that you continue to work with Mr. Shattuck, it might be a prod for Mr. Paul to buy the property himself.

I read his letter very carefully but do not feel that we have a great obligation that we owe to him.

Let me know if you find anything interesting.

Cordially yours,

EEK/k.

ALASKA NEWS LETTER NO. 2

May 1943

Dear Co-Workers:

With incomplete reports from the fields supplemented by first hand information from Missionaries now in the States, attending the General Assembly, I am glad to state that all of our work in Alaska has an encouraging note in the midst of these difficult days. These good reports, of course, reflect your loyalty and your devotion, for which I continually give thanks to God.

NEWS ITEMS

Ketchikan: A fire next door to our Church damaged our building to the extent of \$2,000.00. Reverend Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hall are carrying on with the work and living in the front rooms. The Board has the damage covered with insurance.

In June the Halls are expecting a new arrival in the manse!

Craig-Klawock: These two fields are still vacant. We need a good man, but have not been able to find one.

Metlakatla: Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Swogger are planning to enjoy a delayed furlough next fall, spending the time in the States.

Wrangell: Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Ben Judd, Jr., are adjusting themselves to the Alaskan Work and climate. Reports indicate that they are being well received.

Petersburg: Lay Worker, George R. Betts is now an ordained minister. Presbytery placed its hands on his head at the spring meeting.

Juneau: The Northern Lights Church entertained Presbytery in April under the gracious leadership of Reverend Willis Booth, Pastor-Host.

Reverend Walter Soboleff has been appointed Chaplain of the legislature.

Hoonah: Reverend Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bromley are rounding out 35 years of service in Alaska. They entered the territory as bride and groom.

Sitka: "Sinful Sitka" is improving. All business houses closed during a three hour Good Friday Service. Reverend Arthur M. Bily reported an Easter Church attendance of 550.



Principal, W. Leslie Yaw, was elected Moderator of the Presbytery.

And--the Bily's are expecting a new arrival in the manse during June. The Yaws welcomed one at Christmas time.

Angoon: Lay Worker, Sam Johnson, has developed another Lay Worker, Andrew Gamble. Andrew is an elder in the Angoon Church and recently has been made Mayor of the town. We can expect a fine type of leadership from Andrew Gamble.

Kake: "Topsy" Duguqua is giving a good account of his lay leadership. Kake Church is busy now making some badly needed repairs.

Haines: The Knudsen's are busy in their dual work with the Church and Haines House. (A new arrival has already entered their home!)

Ed Knudsen was not able to attend the meeting of Presbytery, but Sam Johnson's boat "The Good Tidings", made a few hours stop over at Haines so some fellowship was enjoyed.

Skagway: The Rotenberrys are doing a splendid work. The new manse built by the Knudsen's is being used constantly for meetings and social activities.

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So ends the report of the Presbytery of Alaska.  
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Cordova: The Crawford's are now in the States. David Crawford is a Commissioner to the General Assembly.

On his return Crawford will go to Fairbanks to be associated with Bert Bingle in doing War Time Service Work in Construction Camps.

Anchorage: The Armstrongs are engaged in a heavy program with both civilians and soldiers.

October 1, 1942 Anchorage Church accepted the responsibility of self-support.

Palmer: Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Victor I. Alfson will be in Palmer, September 1, 1943, to take over the work. Alfson completes his Seminary training at Princeton Seminary in August.

Fairbanks: The Champlins are busy with their program in the first self-supporting church in Yukon Presbytery. Many good reports continue to come in to us.

St. Lawrence Island:

Miss Ann Bannan is still in the States.

Miss Martin is remaining in the territory.

Reverend Percy Ipalook from Wainwright is on the Island serving our people. Roy Ahmaogak from Point Barrow is supplying the Church at Wainwright.

Barrow:

The Klerekopers are expecting a new arrival in June. The last word we received was that Nan had gone to Fairbanks and Fred was pacing the floor alone in Barrow.

Wales:

Reverend Bert Bingle made a recent visit to Wales and Miss Stauffer reports that it was a timely visit with much good accomplished. Miss Stauffer is remaining at her post.

Barter Island:

Occasional reports from Lay Worker, Andrew Akootchook indicate that the work here continues to move along in an encouraging way.

Yukon Presbytery:

Reverend Bert Bingle continues his work as a Sunday School Missionary in Yukon. Plans are being made now for Bingle to be appointed Chaplain for War Construction Camp Work, under our War Time Service Program.

BENEVOLENCE GIVING:

I am justly proud of the record of the benevolence giving of our two Alaskan Presbyteries for the church year closing March 31, 1943. Here are figures that speak for themselves.

<u>Alaska Presbyteries</u>	<u>1942-1943</u>	<u>1941-1942</u>
Alaska	\$1,726.74	\$ 397.20
Yukon	585.65	380.40
	<u>\$2,312.39</u>	<u>\$ 777.60</u>

These amounts represent only the money given to the Board of National Missions, exclusive of Women's and Young People's organizations.

From the above figures we all can take courage, and thank God for this splendid accounting.

MY VISIT:

I am still hopeful that the way will open so that I can make my visit to Alaska. I am planning now to make the trip this fall, probably in October.

Cordially yours,

EVERETT B. KING,  
Secretary

EBK/mk



REPORT OF LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL MISSIONS QUOTAS AND REMITTANCES UP TO  
MARCH 31, 1943

also

NEW NATIONAL MISSIONS BENEVOLENCE QUOTAS FOR THE YEAR APRIL 1, 1943  
TO MARCH 31, 1944

ALASKA PRESBYTERY	QUOTA FOR 1942-43	REMITTANCES	NEW QUOTA 1943-44
Angoon	\$100.00	\$ 6.12	\$ 60.00
Craig	10.00	----	10.00
Haines	35.00	11.18	60.00
Hoonah	60.00	36.00	60.00
Hydaburg	60.00	95.45	100.00
Juneau----S.Hall Young Mem'l.	60.00	2.50	60.00
Auk Lake Chapel	10.00	28.62	50.00
Northern Light Ch.	150.00	50.13	150.00
Kake	10.00	16.80	60.00
Kasaan	10.00	----	10.00
Ketchikan	35.00	53.23	60.00
Saxman	10.00	----	10.00
Klawock	60.00	----	20.00
Klukwan	----	----	10.00
Metlakatla	125.00	120.00	150.00
Petersburg	20.00	52.12	60.00
Sitka	250.00	848.04	800.00
Skagway	60.00	367.35	400.00
Wrangell	100.00	39.20	60.00
TOTALS	\$1165.00	\$1726.74	\$2190.00
YUKON PRESBYTERY	QUOTA FOR 1942-43	REMITTANCES	NEW QUOTA
Anchorage	\$150.00	\$ 77.25	\$150.00
Barrow	50.00	194.42	100.00
Cordova	50.00	42.50	60.00
Fairbanks	150.00	106.47	150.00
Nenana	20.00	15.65	25.00
Palmer	50.00	69.62	60.00
St. Lawrence Island---			
Gambell	50.00	22.00	50.00
Savoonga	110.00	----	50.00
Wainwright	30.00	17.74	60.00
Wales	20.00	40.00	60.00
TOTALS	\$680.00	\$585.65	\$765.00

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 28, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

At last, here is a suggestive form of report blank for reporting the work in Alaska, as requested in your recent letter. In working over the idea for these suggestions I have tried to place myself in your position and to think of those things I would want to know about the work on the field.

Statistics are vital, though they do not tell the full story. We must have figures! A report should show the figures at a glance, without the necessity of turning pages. I have tried to place all the factual material on one page. Of necessity, you will note the increased size of the page. Unless your files forbid an increase in size, no harm will be done.

On the reverse side of the page, a narrative report is called for. This is equally important with the statistical report. With the suggested form, the report is not complete until the narrative has been written.

We ask our workers to carefully plan their work and their worship services. By reporting the proposed plan of work for the coming month, it will be a constant reminder to the worker, and I believe will result in greater efficiency. A check can then be had between the proposed plan of operation reported one month and the next month's report on the functioning of the proposed plan. If the plan was discarded, the worker may explain why. The trend of our program can be determined and suggestions made, if desired.

You will note this suggested form assumes the worker is serving only one church or field. If he should, in any case, serve two or more churches, I would suggest he make a separate report on each church.

This form calls for the total attendance on the several



types of meetings each day on which meetings occur. Also it calls for a monthly total on each item with the grand total in attendance for the month.

I sincerely hope this suggestive form will be of some help to you as you seek to find a more efficient and informative report form for the Alaskan work.

Cordially yours,

*Willis*

Willis R. Booth.

# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 14, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Thank you for the receipt for \$200. representing the rent paid by William L. Paul, Sr. for five months.

Apparently I have started something, if only it will last. Here is a money order for \$40. for Mr. Paul's rent for the month of September, on 814 Gold Belt Avenue, Juneau. If I am successful in collecting this rent monthly, I want you to suggest to me the best way to handle it. A money order on this amount costs .15. Mr and Mrs. Paul find it more satisfactory to make the cheques payable to me. This is safe, for then I can cash them in Juneau while they have the money in the bank. Should I send them to you, by the time they reach you, the cheque may bounce, and too, you would have to pay exchange which would amount to more than a money order fee. For a more substantial amount, I can easily secure a draft on a New York bank without cost to us here, but I cannot do this monthly. What suggestion would you make? *yes*

Leslie Yaw has just sent me a letter which contained some distressing news. It was my first acquaintance with this information. I do not like the news of your resignation, which I understand becomes effective on November 1. I can appreciate your hunger for the pulpit and the pastorate, but I still do not like your leaving the Secretaryship of the Alaska work. However, I cannot help but wish for you the greatest joy in your new work in New Mexico.

Today I met the pastor whom the Seventh Day Adventist Church has sent to Sitka to organize a Church there.

This summer, I met a Rev. Mr. Anderson whom the Lutheran Church has sent to Anchorage to organize a Church in that place. I understand the Comity Council gave them permission to organize some kind of a Brotherhood in Anchorage, but Mr. Anderson has another idea of it. It is a repetition



of the Sitka situation. Is there no way the Comity Council can bring this church to time? From the United Lutheran pastor in Juneau, I have learned the Lutheran Church is a member of the Council but does not intend to abide by it decisions. That makes a mock of the Council. Have you heard from Mr. Armstrong of Anchorage on the question? Mr. Anderson told several people in Juneau that he was going there to organize a Church.

I understand Mr. Keeler is coming to Alaska for a visit October 15 to November 15, is that correct?

Tonight I talked with Mr. Rotenberry at the boat as he was passing through on his way to St. Paul. We hate to lose him in the work in Alaska, yet, I understand the conditions.

Well Everett, I sincerely hope the Board is successful in finding a man who will be as efficient and progressive and as interested in the Alaska work as our beloved retiring Secretary. That will be hard for the Board! We will certainly miss you!

With best wishes for you and your family, I  
am

Cordially yours,

*Willeis*

P. S. Please send me post haste a supply of report blanks sufficient for the churches and lay workers of Alaska Presbytery.

*Willeis*



# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 15, 1943

*3/8/44 made copy of this letter for Broom file*

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

Looking forward to the placing of a lay worker at Klukwan this winter, Mr. Bromley notified Mrs. Helen Belden and Miss Norma Lando to vacate the church property at Klukwan on or before October 1, 1943.

*3/8/43 this letter in highway folder for Broom*

Mrs. Belden immediately went to work on the people of Klukwan and through them wrote a letter to Mr. Bromley, and sent to me a telegram, protesting our action. As Mr. Bromley plans to retire October 1, and I have been asked to act as chairman of the Committee on National Missions, I have sent Mrs. Belden the enclosed letter, which I hope will meet with your approval.

Before reaching a decision, I had a conference with Walter Soboloff and Mr. C. M. Hirst of Indian Affairs. It is a most difficult situation because of the fact that the past reputation, supported by present conduct, of the leader of this group makes them undesirable people to have permanently in Klukwan. The Office of Indian Affairs are very much against them due to this fact. At present, there are three women living in the Klukwan manse: Mrs. Belden, Miss Norma Lando, and a negress who is working with them.

Further developments will be reported to you.

Recently, when Rev. Ed. E. Knudson was in Juneau, I discussed the situation with him, and this suggestion was made by Mr. Knudson. He very greatly desires to devote his entire time to Church work, and I believe would like to remain at Haines. If he is given the opportunity, he said that he would be willing to serve Klukwan in addition to Haines. That is made possible due to the much improved condition of the highway between those two places. He said he could see no reason for not taking on Klukwan. This would be possible only if he is relieved of the responsibilities at Haines House, or an adjustment in responsibilities is made. He hoped to discuss this with you on your proposed October trip through



Alaska. Perhaps he has written you by now. It is because of this possibility that I have made provision for the use of our property in the event a worker should visit Klukwan at any time. Personnaly, I hope some way may be worked out for Mr. Knudson to care for Klukwan in bi-weekly or monthly services.

Cordially yours,

Willis

